

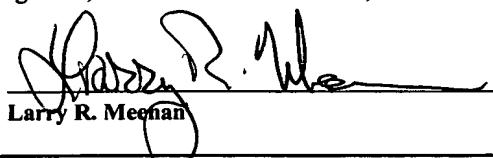


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Ted R. Massa et al. ) Group Art Unit 3722  
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Serial No. 10/762,005 ) Confirmation No. 4521  
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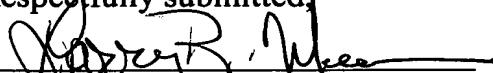
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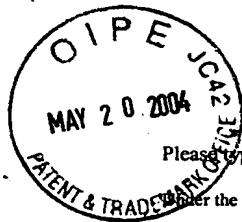
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